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1. CHILEAN CO-SPONSORS HAVE IN MIND FOUR LECTURES FOR BORDEN:
TWO TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS OF "INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN
CIVILIZATION"
COURSE, ONE TO PROFESSORS OF CHILEAN HISTORY, AND ONE TO BROADER
AUDIENCE INCLUDING SAME UNDERGRADUATES AND PROFESSORS AS FOR OTHER
LECTURES PLUS OTHER ACADEMICS SPECIFICALLY ORIENTED TOWARD
INAUGURATION
OF MASTER'S PROGRAM IN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AT INSTITUTE OF LETTERS,
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE (SANTIAGO).

2. BORDEN WILL IN EFFECT INAUGURATE NEW AMERICAN CIVILIZATION COURSE.
COORDINATOR TAKING APPROACH OF STARTING WITH CONTEMPORARY U.S. AND
WORKING BACK THROUGH ITS HISTORY. STRESSES THAT UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS
MOST INTERESTED IN TODAY. BORDEN SHOULD THEREFORE PRESENT CURRENT U.S

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SCENE IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, I.E. AS CULMINATION OF PAST
EVENTS AND OF INFLUENCES WHICH HAVE MADE NORTH AMERICANS AND
THEIR POLITICAL SYSTEM AS IT IS. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE REFER TO
WORDING IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF STATE 190359 AS BEST DESCRIPTION OF
WHAT IS DESIRED.

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3. UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WILL BE STARTING AMERICAN CIVILIZATION COURSE WITH LITTLE OR NO BACKGROUND ON U.S. HISTORY; SO BORDEN'S TASK WILL BE TO SET THE SCENE FOR WHAT WILL FOLLOW. COURSE COORDINATOR PREPARED TO MEET WITH BORDEN BEFORE LECTURES TO DISCUSS FINAL FOCUS OF HIS TALKS IF HE STILL IN DOUBT ON ANY POINT.

4. SECOND AUDIENCE OF PROFESSORS OF CHILEAN HISTORY WILL HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF U.S. HISTORY LEARNED AS BYPRODUCT THEIR STUDIES OF CHILEAN AND WORLD HISTORY, BUT NONE WILL BE SPECIALISTS IN U.S. HISTORY. THEIR MAIN INTEREST WILL BE ON RELATIONSHIP OF U.S. AND CHILEAN (AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN) INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS).

5. THIRD (MIXED) AUDIENCE WOULD BE GOOD FORUM FOR BORDEN TO ADDRESS IN BROAD TERMS FOR SOPHISTICATED GROUP THE FUNDAMENTAL QUALITIES AND SOURCES OF U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM'S DURABILITY PLUS DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CHARACTER AS RESULT OF ITS ORIGINS AND INFLUENCES. THIS CAN BE EXCELLENT FORUM FOR REACHING HIGH-LEVEL ACADEMIC GROUP WITH BASIC MESSAGES REGARDING U.S. GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM AND THE NORTH AMERICAN AS A POLITICAL AND SOCIAL BEING.

6. CAN WE EXPECT VTR OF BORDEN FOR USE WITH ACADEMICS PREPARING HIS PROGRAM? NO UNIVERSITY CLASSES UNTIL LATE MARCH, BUT FACULTY MEMBERS NOW PREPARING COURSEWORK FOR 1975 ACADEMIC YEAR.
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